

Rival claims amid fierce fighting in southern Angola

SAKA, ZAMBIA. — Rival black nation movements are engaged in fierce fighting on Angola's southern front and claim to have made gains on each other's positions, Western military sources said today.

They said the Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) had launched a virtual assault on the important way town of Luanda in eastern Angola, which straddles the Benguela line, a vital copper export route for neighboring Zaire and Zambia.

The sources said the National Front for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita), supported by African troops manning army, beat off the attack.

Earlier last week, Unita officials said an armed column of about 30 MPLA soldiers, backed by Cuban support units, Russian advisers and Soviet T54 tanks were moved into the Luao area to strengthen the Marxist assault.

Unita has gone on the offensive in the eastern border railway town of Teixeira, but there was no indication on progress in fighting there. The sources said South African forces were also involved in Teixeira assault.

As quoted Radio Luanda as

saying Zaire fighter-bombers raided Teixeira and killed six people in an effort to cover a major retreat by FNLA forces.

In the central Angola town of Ceta, a former South African supply base, heavy fighting continued and the sources said the pro-Communists appeared close to capturing the town.

Unita officials said most of the fighting for Ceta, about 480 kms. south of Luanda, was done by the MPLA's Cuban troops.

The Zaire news agency in Kinshasa on Friday broadcast a Unita communique claiming the pro-Western forces captured Quibala, about 80 kms. north of Ceta, inflicting heavy losses on the MPLA.

Fighting in the Quibala area has raged since the beginning of the year, but until now neither side claimed any victories. Quibala is a strategic town on the road leading north to the Cambambe hydro-electric dam which supplies most of Luanda's power.

The battle situation in northern Angola was unclear. Unita officials said the MPLA forces claimed to have almost forced UNITA's ally, the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), up to the border with Zaire. The officials said it appeared the FNLA was still

pulling back from the MPLA's advances and had not yet effectively regrouped.

In the past two weeks, the Marxists claim to have captured all the FNLA's northern arms bases and strongholds and to have stopped their reinforcements of men and equipment from Zaire.

On Friday, the Zaire government warned the MPLA it would declare war on the movement if it crossed its borders again. Last week, the MPLA blew up a frontier and railway bridge at Dilojo in Zaire's Shaba (formerly Katanga) province, the Zaire government said.

Troops tried to invade the north Angolan enclave of Cabinda from Zaire but were driven back into the jungle by Soviet-backed MPLA forces, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Luanda yesterday.

Tanjug quoted MPLA military leaders as saying that four regular Zaire soldiers among the invaders were killed in the clash.

About 6,000 Angolans and Portuguese have taken refuge in the airport of the southern Angolan town of Sa Da Bandeira to escape fighting there between UNITA and FNLA, a Portuguese government spokesman said yesterday. (UPI, Reuters)



FRONTATION—Troops from the Moked leftist army, in Samaria, where they were granted to Gush Emunim members to stay in temporary sing there.

Yariv: America moving to PLO recognition

THE AMERICANS are moving towards recognition of the PLO, Knesset Member Aharon Yariv said on Friday, and Israel must take into account possible U.S. support for establishing a third state in Eretz Yisrael (in addition to Israel and Jordan) as part of an overall settlement.

But the former Information Minister, who was speaking on Army Radio, added that this did not mean Israel had to accept such a U.S. position.

The U.S. seemed to be holding formally to the position that there should be no talks between Israel and the terrorists until the latter recognize Israel, he said. But Washington was actually moving toward some kind of recognition of the PLO — even without an overall settlement — and was exerting pressure on Israel through their control of arms shipments. (Idem)

US may up aid recommendation by \$300m.

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — In the wake of Jerusalem's strong disappointment over the Administration's preliminary decision to recommend only \$1,600m. in economic and military aid during the next fiscal year, American officials have now told Israel that this sum might be increased to \$1,900m.

Prime Minister Rabin will take this issue up with President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger during their talks here later this month.

The deliberations on next year's aid programme are taking place while Congress is still in the midst of considering this year's bill which includes \$2.24b. for Israel. Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill are expressing hope that the Congress, which resumes session tomorrow, will speed up consideration of the separate authorization and appropriation bills.

There is some concern among pro-Israel circles here that, unless the aid package is approved quickly, Israel's programme may be reduced, especially of the two sums for fiscal years are lumped together.

The U.S. Ambassador, Malcolm Toon, left on Friday for Washington for consultations. He will also take part in the preparations for Rabin's visit to the U.S.

Leftist protest at Camp Kadum

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WE 150 MOKED demonstrators yesterday squatted on a hilltop at Camp Kadum in Samaria. They were protesting against the attempt by orthodox-led Gush Emunim to settle on land taken during Six Day War. No clashes were reported.

According to the army, 15 demonstrators were allowed to spend the night there. A spokesman for leftist party said it was organizing "hundreds" to attend a "peace rally" there this afternoon. The demonstrators had gone by bus and trucks along three routes, party's spokesman said. They were stopped by army roadblocks kilometres on each side of camp and made the rest of way on foot. At the hilltop the military camp, where several dozen Gush Emunim settlers live, they raised placards reading: "Settlement in the Occupied Territories Undermines Peace Prospects."

Officers from the Tulkarem Military Government asked the demonstrators to leave, but they refused to do so together in the Gush Emunim settlers' life inside the camp continued.

Armed demonstration, and other protests planned by Mapam, are apparently spurred by the groundbreaking work done north of the camp, presumably for houses for Gush Emunim.

PLO gets Kfir plans, says French paper

PARIS.—The Palestinian Liberation Organization has obtained top-secret plans of the Kfir warplane after setting up an effective intelligence network in Israel, according to the French news magazine "Le Point," which quotes the "Israel secret service" in today's issue.

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Nicotine-free cigarette produced

Israel-based group uses lettuce

the world-wide race for finding a harmless cigarette — which will taste like tobacco and be as cheap to produce on a large scale — is now over. Israel is planned to be the first market for the new product.

"Not only is the taste indistinguishable from that of tobacco," a spokesman for the Jerusalem group told me, "We can make it taste like any existing brand of cigarette we choose." Non-addictive, nicotine-free cigarettes have been produced before, but their peculiar taste failed to appeal to regular smokers.

The inventor of the process, which uses dried lettuce in place of tobacco, is a Jewish Argentinian, Dr. Gregorio Rubinstein. He has developed a 10-stage bio-mechanical process that neutralizes the taste and other active ingredients of the lettuce leaf. A negligible amount of tobacco is then introduced temporarily to infuse its particular taste into the substitute. The result is a smoked leaf indistinguishable in looks, feel and taste from tobacco.

The leaf can be turned into cigarettes by the same process used to manufacture normal cigarettes. No factory adjustment to existing machinery is required. The International Tobacco Co. of Beit Jala, south of Jerusalem, produced carton-loads of the new cigarette less than 24 hours after the delivery of the treated vegetable leaves.

In addition to being nicotine-free, the cigarette is at least 50%

lower in tar than any cigarette available on the market. Dr. Rubinstein is now working on a silicon-based paper substitute which is expected to make the cigarette virtually tar-free also.

The new cigarette, under the tentative brand name, Long Life, may be introduced on the local market within a little as three months. Haim Aviram, of the Ministry of Agriculture, and Chana Levi, of the Ministry of Health, have placed at Dr. Rubinstein's disposal all the necessary materials and facilities for a speedy entrance onto the market.

The process, which took five years to perfect, could have used any variety of vegetable leaves, but lettuce was chosen because it can be dried in the field and, in Israel's varied climate, has three annual crops. Dr. Rubinstein wanted Israel to be the home country for his invention.

"The patented process will be licensed internationally," the spokesman said. "No interested party or country will be refused the licence to produce for its own market. We have engaged a powerful international development company to help us withstand the expected hostile onslaught of existing tobacco interests."

Gregorio Rubinstein was born in Buenos Aires in 1920. He says his work was made possible through unflinching help and encouragement from a group of scientists, headed by Dr. Macchache who provided advice and support "beyond his expectations."

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Spain sees ties with Israel soon

POST Diplomatic Correspondent FOREIGN MINISTER Yigal Alon last night welcomed a statement by his Spanish counterpart, predicting diplomatic relations between Madrid and Jerusalem in "the not distant future."

Alon said, "and would react favourably to the intention expressed by the Spanish Foreign Minister, Jose Maria de Arelliza, to establish full diplomatic relations in the not distant future."

Mr. de Arelliza had expressed the intention in a television interview on Friday. "All Western European nations have relations with Israel," he said. "We have had no relations because of different motives that I am not going to analyze here."

But he said Spain was faithful to the UN recommendation and resolutions "on the necessary evacuation of all occupied territories (by Israel), the defence of human rights of the inhabitants of those territories, and the right of the Palestinian people to defend their aspiration to possess their own country."

Asked to comment on this, Alon said: "All sovereign states are perfectly entitled to their views on any world problem. When full contacts are established it will be possible to have fruitful exchanges and consultations on these problems."

There have been reports of secret meetings last year between Alon and Spanish officials, at which the establishment of relations was discussed. But officials in Jerusalem still refuse to confirm these reports or provide any details.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said yesterday he had reason to believe that Spain will maintain its present policy of withholding recognition from Israel. He told Parliament that high-level contacts already had taken place between Cairo and Madrid and on this basis, "I can assure the house that Spain will not change its present policy."

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Canadian FM due

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

CANADA'S MINISTER for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, is due in Jerusalem tonight for a three-day official visit. He will be arriving from Iraq, the last leg of a Middle East tour which has also taken him to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Officials here said they expected "no particular problems" in the political talks with Mr. MacEachen tomorrow. He will hold a working session with Foreign Minister Alon, and later call on Premier Rabin and on President Ephraim Katzir. On Tuesday he will tour the northern border.

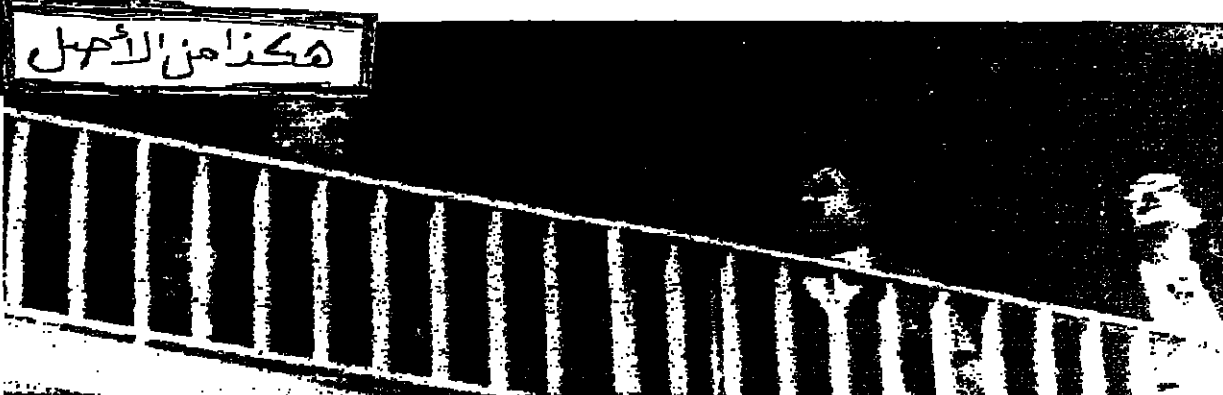
Speaking to reporters in Amman on Friday, the Canadian minister said his government had "made no prejudiced decisions" on Middle East issues. "We are members of the United Nations," he said, "and we try to be responsible... Canada should not be considered a satellite of the U.S., but it is not anti-Zionist either."

This preoccupation with its image as a U.S. satellite is very much in the forefront of Canadian political thinking, MacEachen favours "the third option" — neither the status

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Allan MacEachen



LEBANESE Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt, right, watches Air Force planes strafe his own armed forces near Beirut on Friday. At left is Premier and Defence Minister Rashid Karami, who claimed not to know who ordered the bombing. The Secretary of the Islam League, Hussein Kuwaili, is at centre. (AP radiophoto)

Army-PLO showdown in Lebanon imminent

Air force strafes Moslem troops

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

LEBANON'S ARMED forces were close to a showdown with the Palestine Liberation Organization last night as there was a sharp escalation in the fighting. This included a massive leftist offensive spearheaded by the PLO on four Christian seaside towns south of Beirut.

Army units were believed to have gone into active combat last night to defend besieged Christians in the coastal Damour area, and in Sa'adiyat, where Interior Minister and ex-President Camille Chamoun was trapped in his home.

PLO chief Yasser Arafat last night boasted he had sent four "Palestinian officers" to ensure Chamoun's safety. But a spokesman for Chamoun's National Liberal Party militia declared that they would defend their leader until the last man rather than accept a favour from Arafat and "his gang."

Beirut radio said that there were "many" casualties in the weekend's savage fighting, but it provided no figures. According to conservative estimates, some 200 persons were killed and over 300 wounded, bringing the tally of the nine-month old civil war to over 10,500 dead and about 32,000 wounded.

On Friday, air force jets strafed leftist and PLO forces advancing on Damour. The military command said that warplanes were ordered into action to "liberate" an army convoy captured by the leftist forces.

Christian President Suleiman Franjeh last night issued an order of the day calling for unity within the army, made up of both Christian and Moslem soldiers. He expressed his confidence in the armed forces, and hinted that troops might still be called in for a full-scale intervention against the anti-establishment leftist offensive.

Although the Christian forces were establishing strongholds in the Beirut area, and in the eastern and northern regions, aided by the formation of an expanded cabinet to work out a "national reconciliation."

In his statement broadcast by Beirut radio, Karami said that Syria was currently trying to negotiate a peace formula with the warring factions. The negotiations are presumably being conducted by the Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Hikmat Shehadi, who arrived in Beirut unexpectedly on Friday evening.

There were indications that if Syria fails in its mediation, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Mahmoud Riad, would announce, probably tomorrow, a plan for a collective Arab action. Riad said that he had intensified his consultations with Arab governments over the weekend, but he did not disclose how those governments would intervene.

An inter-Arab move, rather than a lone Syrian mediation is being pushed by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who yesterday conferred with his top aides over the Lebanese crisis. The Egyptian government over the weekend issued a strongly worded statement denouncing the Lebanese army's "aggression against Palestinian refugees."

The most violent fighting of the weekend took place in Beirut, where the PLO sent gumbos to bombard Christian positions in the city's coastal hotel area.

Beirut was cut off from the rest of the world amid what reportedly were battles over the capital's telecommunications centre. Foreign newsmen asked their colleagues in Israel to monitor Beirut radio and file reports.

Beirut radio reported that in Beirut mortar fire was exchanged throughout the day, mostly east of the city where the Christians were besieging two refugee camps, and in the city's commercial area.



A PHALANGIST militiaman holds up the passport of an Iraqi captured with terrorist forces at Dhaya camp on Wednesday. The prisoner, at right, was identified as Ramzi Hakim, a member of the Iraq-backed Arab Liberation Front. (AP radiophoto)

Egypt, Syria split on U.N. draft

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Arab diplomats are split over the wording of draft resolutions to be introduced during the current Security Council debate on the Middle East.

According to UN sources, the Egyptians, backed by Jordan, want the Council to recognise "Palestinian national rights," while Syria is seeking to get the UN to accept the establishment of a separate PLO-run Palestinian State.

(Council debate—page 4)

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hazy with strong winds. Weather synopses: Depression which deepened over Libya is delaying expected rain in our region.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	56	6-12	6-10
Golan	66	12-19	10-15
Nahariya	27	12-19	10-15
Safed	27	12-19	10-15
Tiberias	77	18-24	16-22
Nazareth	50	10-15	8-14
Afula	46	9-15	7-14
Shomron	52	9-14	8-13
Tel Aviv	50	11-18	11-17
Eilat Airport	48	15-21	10-17
Jericho	51	7-21	8-15
Raza	53	10-20	10-19
Beer-Sheva	57	10-19	10-17
Silat	44	11-24	15-23
Tiran	6	13-27	10-27

Social and Personal

The 50-member UJA Cleveland Mission led by Milton Wolf met Friday with Defense Minister Shimon Peres and the president of the Manufacturers Association, Avraham Shavit. The UJA mission members met yesterday with Moshe Rivlin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Yisrael Katz, former head of the National Insurance Institute, has taken up a voluntary position as adviser to Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer on special projects, volunteer organizations, and recruitment and training of social work personnel.

Zvi Kaplan was elected president of the Givatayim Rotary Club for 1976/77. Menahem Levin, Amos Zamir, Eliyahu Bar-Gur, Boaz Ginsburg, Arye Suchoviansky, Elrud Bar-Yehuda, and Shlomo Philosoph were elected to the club's directorate.

BIRTH
SEDAN. — To Sasha and Gil Sedan, a daughter, sister to Guy, in Jerusalem, on Tu B'Shvat (January 17, 1976).

GOLDEN WEDDING
On January 18, 1926, Ann Foner and Cecil Hyman were married in Jerusalem by the late Chief Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook.

ARRIVALS
Alexander "Sasha" Schneider, in connection with ongoing activities of the Jerusalem Music Centre Mitzkenol Shana'im.

DEPARTURES
Menahem Ben-Ner, MK, to Paris, to participate in the Council of Europe debates in Strasbourg (by El Al).

Meir back from U.S.

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Former Prime Minister Golda Meir returned Friday from a fund-raising visit to the U.S. and Great Britain, full of enthusiasm for the Jews she had met abroad. But she declined to comment on her talks with government officials.

The smiling Mrs. Meir, who was met by her family, said: "Everywhere I met with Jews I realized how wonderful, how splendid the Jews are; it was unbelievable." But her visit had been private: "Luckily, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon was in the U.S. (when she was); he spoke, and there's no reason for me to speak here."

I announce, with deep regret, the death of my beloved husband,

Prof. BERNARDO SCHAFER

The funeral will leave from Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, today, January 18, 1976, at 2 p.m., for Har Hamenuhot cemetery.

Aida Schaffer

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear JOHANAN SIMON

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 19, 1976, at 3.30 p.m. at the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery.

We shall meet at the gate.

The Family

THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

mourns the death of

RUTH KISCH

Widow of Brigadier F. H. Kisch, Chairman of the Zionist Executive, and Head of the Political Department 1923-1931

On Tuesday, January 20, 1976, the remains of JOHN M. MACHOVER

Zionist activist in Russia, one of Ze'ev Jabotinsky's collaborators, and of the founders of Hatzohar and past member of its World Executive, will be brought to Ben-Gurion Airport at 9.45 p.m. (El-Al flight 316), for interment in Israel.

The funeral cortege will leave from Sanhedria on Wednesday, January 21, 1976, at 11.00 a.m. for the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

HERUT-HATZOHAR
World Executive



COULDN'T WAIT — A young vegetation lover, unable to participate in organized tree-planting on Tu B'Shvat (Arbor Day) because the day fell on a Sabbath this year, does some private "planting" in a backyard flower-pot over the weekend. Most of the organized plantings, which will range from Yamit to the Golan, will begin today, and events will go on all week. The Jewish National Fund has distributed 40,000 saplings for the purpose. One of the spots to get some future shade will be Moshav Haruvit in Northern Sinai. National Religious Party youth also plan to plant thousands of saplings today on Mount Bethel, near the Ofra work-camp.

There were some plantings on Friday, however, before the holiday began. Schoolchildren planted 1,000 treelets in Tel Aviv, and Rosh Ha'ayin youngsters planted olive cuttings in the Yarkon Sources Park, to replace trees destroyed by local vandals. Pupils from Jerusalem's Ramat Eshkol quarter planted 300 trees at Ma'aleh Adumim, in the Judean Desert.

In honour of the holiday, admission will be free throughout the week to the country's nature reserves. (IPFA)

Abergils held for 7 more days on suspicion of drug-peddling

Jerusalem's three Abergil brothers, Reuven, Ya'acov and Eliezer — arrested at the beginning of the month on suspicion of drug-peddling and extortion — were on Friday remanded for a further seven days.

Police told Jerusalem Magistrate Yitzhak Shabat that they would have a charge sheet ready by the end of the remand period. Remand was also extended — by five days — for the brother's alleged accomplice, Ya'acov Harush.

Reuven Abergil, who is a leader of the Black Panther Party, is accused of selling and using drugs, running an illegal gambling den, and extorting money and taking bribes from other residents of Jerusalem's Musara quarter. On Friday he denied the allegations in court and said, "I am a public figure and my arrest is hindering me in my public struggle." (Police had told the judge that his release would harm their continuing investigation.)

Ya'acov Abergil is suspected of drug-peddling and of extorting

money through threats of violence. His attorney told the court that Ya'acov's arrest was a misunderstanding, and had taken place only because his family name was Abergil.

Eliezer Abergil is suspected of drug-peddling, extortion, and assault with a weapon. Ben-Harush allegedly helped the brothers deliver drugs to customers. (Ithm)

4 players held in soccer riot

ACRE. — Four football players on the Ramat Gan Hapoel team were arrested and then released after a riot on the field in a game against Acre Hapoel here yesterday.

The disruption occurred during the second half of the game, with the Acre team leading 2-0. After the referee pulled a Ramat Gan player out of the game, players and spectators began arguing; and some of the players and policemen on the field came to blows. The game was stopped, and the crowd of thousands of fans was dispersed. (Other football news — page 5)

Arms agents oppose bill limiting fees

Representatives of import agents on Friday testified before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on their objections to a bill which would impose controls on the Israeli agents of foreign arms manufacturers. The session was the committee's first hearing on the bill, which would also control the amount of commission received by agents for military equipment purchased by the army. Representatives of the roof organization of importers and also of the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce and Industry voiced their objections to the bill, the committee spokesman reported. Further hearings will be held in the near future, he said.

Canadian

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quo, nor closer integration with the U.S., but rather "strengthening of the economy and other aspects of national life in order to secure our independence... specific policies and programmes that will reduce Canadian vulnerability to the magnetic pull of the U.S."

Support for, and belief in, the UN is also an important feature of Canadian foreign policy, Canada has participated in all UN peace-keeping forces — including the present-day UNef and UNdof where it has a logistics role.

MacEachen, a 54-year-old bachelor, was born in Nova Scotia of Scottish descent, and has represented his home constituency of Inverness-Richmond in parliament for almost 20 years. An economist by training, he served as the late Lester Pearson's economic adviser when the Liberals were ousted from office by the Conservatives in 1958. When the Liberals came back, MacEachen was given the Labour portfolio, and later served as Minister of Health and Minister of Manpower and Immigration. He has held the External Affairs portfolio since 1974.

Canadian political observers have termed him variously "dour," "brilliant but reflective," and "an enigma." In 1968 he stood for the Liberal leadership, but was heavily defeated. Asked recently if he aspired to be premier, he replied: "No, I got over that some time ago." Some observers nevertheless see him as a possible successor to Premier Trudeau.

Egged talks tough, but ministry reserves judgment

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Egged Secretariat has flatly rejected the suggestion, made by the Golomb Committee, that the members of the transport cooperative sell their shares in Egged subsidiaries in order to cover the deficit of the company.

The sale of the shares was promised by Egged representatives last week when the Government agreed to its urgent request for IL50m. to keep it going.

The Ministry of Transport spokesman, queried by The Jerusalem Post last night, said that the ministry had not seen the Egged communiqué and had not heard directly from Egged. He could therefore not say whether the Egged statement constituted a departure from the agreement reached last Thursday, shortly before 7 p.m., which averted a threatened bus strike.

The statement issued by Egged Secretariat on Friday was couched in militant language. It ends with the warning that, if the money Egged needs to carry on is not forthcoming, "grave consequences may ensue," for which the cooperative implies the Government would be responsible.

Egged claims that the Government owes it nearly IL600m., of which it has received only IL115m. The shares in Egged subsidiaries — which include the profitable Egged stations — have been earned by the members "by the sweat of their brow," and should not be used to

cover the company's deficits, the statement said.

Last night, apparently in an attempt to soften the tone of Friday's communiqué, Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor told The Jerusalem Post that the members will "transfer" to Egged their shares in the subsidiaries. Egged objected, however, to using the money to cover its deficit, he said.

The deficit, Talmor stated, was incurred as a result of the Government's policy — which, since 1971, has artificially reduced the company's earnings. The Government, therefore, should cover the deficit.

Talmor said the company would not deliberately disrupt bus service to press for a favourable decision by the authorities. Bus service today will be normal, he said, commenting on rumours to the contrary.

The Ministry of Transport spokesman said that, so long as the taking of the Egged Secretariat to implement the recommendations of the Golomb Committee remained in force, the Government would carry out its part of the agreement. This means that the Ministries of Finance and Transport will recommend that the Knesset Finance Committee authorize interim financing of Egged, so that by the middle of March the implementation of the Golomb Committee recommendations could begin.

The committee recommendation dealing with the shares of Egged members said that these should be

transferred to the cooperative, which would sell part of them. The Knesset Finance Committee will receive an Egged delegation early this week, at the latter's request.

New head of Presidents' Club urges more independent stance

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the new chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has assured American Jewish leaders that he will faithfully represent and implement the organization's positions, once consensus has been reached.

But Schindler, who was elected last week to succeed Rabbi Israel Miller as the head of the 33-member umbrella organization representing most of organized American Jewry, also told the Jewish leaders that he would continue to express his personal views during private meetings of the conference.

The new chairman, who has a reputation here of being an independent on many Israel-related issues, has suggested in the past that American Jews follow a more independent course on certain issues, not always following the Israel Government lead. This was the theme of a recent speech he delivered during the emergency meeting of world Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, organized by Prime Minister Rabin.

He has said that American Jews should not necessarily follow Israel's position on various U.S. issues, such as possible U.S. intervention in Angola. Schindler was among the early American Jewish



Rabbi Schindler

opponents of the Vietnam war, a time when Israeli officials were supporting the U.S. Administration's policies.

Schindler was elected by a vote of 22 to 5, defeating Arthur W. Vine, president of the United Synagogue of America, who represents Conservative Judaism. Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform).

Bond leaders committed to 'continuity of Jewish life'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Members of the Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference last night pledged to "perform each day some specific act to ensure the continuity of Jewish life" — and each then committed himself to buy from \$25,000 to \$50,000 in Bonds this year.

Bonds general chairman Sam Rothberg, presiding over the closing dinner of the conference in Jerusalem, announced the commitments of each participant, who rose at his table to the applause of the audience. Sol Goldstein of Chicago topped all present by making a \$500,000 pledge, followed by several of \$250,000 and smaller amounts.

A total of 26 became members of the Bonds Century Club by agreeing to purchase \$100,000 or more in Bonds.

Caucuses organized by region — and separated by sex — met throughout the day yesterday, with each member deciding on his 1976 commitment. Since they are collectors as well as contributors, they also made pledges for their areas. The Canadian contingent promised to try to sell \$36m. worth of Bonds in 1976.

President Ephraim Katzir, who

attended the dinner along with his wife Nina, said he remembered when Israel Bonds were instituted, in 1950. "There were coupons and rationing; and, in those hard times, even an egg or a tomato was a luxury."

Prof. Katzir noted that the \$3b. invested in Israel Bonds since then have had a great share in building the infrastructure upon which Israel is based. "The recent anti-Israel resolutions in the UN, which have tried to unravel history and distort Zionism's century of sweat and toil," would surely be answered by greater efforts by Jews for Israel.

Bonds Presidents Michael Arnon announced that, 1975, the Bond organization had produced more than \$277m. in cash for Israel's development — the largest annual amount except for the year of the Yom Kippur War. He praised non-Jews who have made "an exceptional showing" by purchasing for their institutions more than \$70m. last year. It was not only a vote of confidence in Israel's viability, said Arnon, but a demonstration by the Jewish community of strong sympathy for Israel.

Zim denies buying refrigeration ships

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim on Friday firmly denied a newspaper report that the company was negotiating with Maritime Fruit Carriers for the purchase of the MFC's eight Israeli-flag refrigeration ships.

A Zim spokesman stressed that no such negotiations were proceeding or were contemplated. He said that although some Zim officials had asked MFC for information on the condition and future

of the eight ships, their personal interest in no way committed Zim or indicated any intention of buying the ships.

MFC is an Israeli subsidiary of the international Maritime Group Shipping Concern, founded and managed by Ya'acov Meridor and Milla Brenner. While the firm, which operates the refrigeration ships, is reported in strong financial position due to long-term contracts it has for vessels, the parent organization has for some time been in liquidation. As a result, the MFC banks which extended major credit to Maritime have started to assure their investments, according to unconfirmed reports they may press for changes management, possibly resulting in the loss of control by Meridor and Brenner in favour of some of the banks.

Pope appeals for release of Capucci

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Pope Paul appealed to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to ask Israel to release imprisoned Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, according to the Greek Orthodox community's monthly publication. Editor Nathaniel Shehada, writing in "Ar-Rabita," said he had information that both men acceded to the Pope's request to intercede, and that Israel, in fact, had promised them to release Capucci.

Capucci was jailed in December 1974 for 12 years after being convicted on charges of smuggling weapons into Israel from Lebanon. According to UPI, a Foreign Ministry official said he was "unaware" such contacts had been made.

Shehada said in the publication that releasing Capucci would earn Israel the gratitude of the entire Greek Orthodox Church. He said that he had recently visited Capucci and found him in poor health; and he expressed the fear that, if the Archbishop died in jail, Israel would be greatly embarrassed.

Armenians celebrate Christmas today

The main events marking this year's Armenian Christmas will take place in Bethlehem today. The procession of Patriarch Derderian will arrive at Manger Square at 11 a.m., and mass will be celebrated at midnight in the Church of the Nativity.

The Military Government has decorated the town with fir trees and festive lights. Religious music, transmitted over loudspeakers, will be heard throughout the day.

Hike in water rates proposed

Currency devaluations and rising energy costs have made an increase in water rates necessary, the Ministry of Agriculture told the Knesset Finance Committee on Friday. The proposed rates are as follows:

For household consumption — IL1.10 for the first eight cubic metres, instead of 90 agrot, IL1.70 for the next eight, instead of IL1.40; and IL2.70 for every cubic metre thereafter, instead of IL2.20.

For industry — the rate would be IL1 per cubic metre instead of IL0.90, for the whole allotted quantity.

For agriculture (within the jurisdiction of local authorities) — the proposed rate is IL0.33 per cm., instead of IL0.20.

Water for small-farm farming and gardens would cost 55-56 agrot per cubic metre.

Minimum water consumption subject to fees in stores and offices would be 5 c.m. per month instead of 10.

The proposed regulations include a clause allowing local authorities to alter the water rates as necessary, if they receive the approval of the Ministers of Interior and Agriculture.

The committee debate on the dates will continue this week.



Moshe Dayan, MK, entertains members of a United Jewish Appeal delegation from Cleveland in the garden of his home in Zahala yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Lahat: Only private development ventures can save Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat is demanding revision of building laws to allow high-rises of 20 to 30 storeys, and a free hand for private development ventures, to encourage an influx of population to the city's centre. His proposals came on Friday, in a speech before the Commercial and Industrial Club here.

Measures to increase the profitability of privately sponsored development projects were vital to stem the flow of population away from the city, he said. Each year 10,000 new residents come to the city — usually poor or elderly. However, 15,000 — mostly young persons — move out of the city every year, he said.

Lahat also complained about the city's excessive dependence on the central government, and the local authority's resulting financial difficulties. "The city just can't be dependent on the government at every step — for another agrot, a traffic light, or law enforcement," he said.

Discussing the city's realm of authority, he refused to back down

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No change seen in charter flights

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The present Government policy on charter flights to Israel is unlikely to be changed, it has been learned.

The Government's special study commission on charter flights, headed by Meir Heth, has completed its investigations and will shortly present its conclusions and recommendations.

The commission examined data of both the Transport and Tourism Ministries. It was learned that neither sets of data were acceptable for setting policy on charter flights.

At present Israel only allows limited charters — for religious pilgrims and for tourists from Scandinavia. The Tourism Ministry wants more charter flights; the Transport Ministry and El Al are opposed.

Dallas firm gets \$16.5m. contract to set up Sinai warning stations

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Government has granted a contract for \$16.5m. to E Systems Inc. of Dallas, Texas, to install, operate and maintain the early-warning stations between the Egyptian and Israel lines in Sinai, the State Department said Friday.

The company is to be responsible for 150 of the up to 200 civilian American volunteers allowed by Congress to take part in the project, which was developed as part of the Israeli-Egyptian second interim accord last September.

According to the State Department, an advance team from the Dallas company is to be in Sinai on January 20 to begin establishing a base camp and to achieve surveillance capability by February 20 — the agreed date for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gidi and Mitla Passes and for Egyptians to enter the Passes.

On-the-spot policy guidance and direction to the E Systems personnel will come from a government team of 28 persons led by the Sinai field mission director, Nicholas G.W. Thorne. (JTA)

16-year-olds start getting new folder-type ID cards

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sixty pupils of Jerusalem's Seligberg and Ma'aleh high schools on Friday morning were the first citizens to receive the new, folder-type identity cards being issued by the Interior Ministry as part of the process of computerizing the vital statistics of the entire population.

In a brief ceremony at the offices of the ministry, Interior Minister Yosef Burg handed the first card to Yehuda Huchner, an 11th-grade pupil at the Seligberg school. The new cards will first be

issued to about 6,000 Jerusalem youngsters born in 1959, who, according to the law, must start carrying ID cards when they reach the age of 16.

The new cards are no longer in booklet form, but consist of two parts. One has the vital statistics and the photo of the owner, sealed into a transparent, tamper-proof plastic cover. This part is sufficient for identification purposes and fits into one side of a folder which is the same blue colour as the old card (but larger). The second section, which pulls out, lists the holder's dependants.

Youngsters are advised not to rush to their nearest Interior Ministry office on their 16th birthday, however. The ministry's population registration section will advise them when their turn comes. Then they should come to the office with a passport picture and IL3 to get their card with a minimum of waiting. Judith Huchner, deputy director-general for aliyah and registration, said.

The process of issuing the new cards to the entire population is expected to take about five years. It may take longer, though, judging by the half-year delay which followed the ministry's announcement last May that the new cards would be issued starting July 1, 1975.

The new cards add two new digits to the seven digits of most identity numbers. The prefix "00" is used to guard against duplicate identity numbers.

In 1970 there were 25,000 such cases; today they have been reduced to 2,000. In the few cases where the problem still exists, it will be solved by changing the prefix "00" to "11".

The second new digit is added after the old number. The ministry's computers are programmed to use the suffix as a control to help them spot mistakes made in copying the original ID number.

60 BUYERS for large U.S. food-marketing chains arrived on Friday from New York for Israel Food Week, which opens this week.

Presumed inner wall of Jerusalem never existed

Excavations have revealed that there was no wall between Jerusalem's Upper City (Mount Zion and today's Jewish and Armenian Quarters) and the Temple Mount in Second Temple times, archaeologist Meir Ben-Dov said on Friday.

Dr. Ben-Dov, deputy director of the excavations near the Temple Mount, was speaking at the Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper programme at Beit Ha'am. He noted that a wall running along the eastern side of the Upper City and separating it from the rest of Jerusalem is shown in all maps of Second Temple Jerusalem.

Dr. Ben-Dov said the wall had been assumed to exist to account for the fact that it took the Romans another month to conquer the Upper City after they had seized and destroyed the Temple quarter in 70 C.E.

But the Jewish historian Jose-

phus never mentioned such a wall, and the excavations had shown him once more to be a reliable guide to the events and world of his time, the archaeologist said.

The Upper City was a luxury quarter 2,000 years ago, Dr. Ben-Dov said. It had been found to be made up of ample three-room flats, each with its own private bath (for ritual purification). It had also had a sewerage system — which was still in use.

Also uncovered in the dig was the southeast corner of a large Byzantine church — the Santa Maria, built by Justinian in the sixth century and destroyed by the Persians when they took Jerusalem about 60 years later. Dr. Ben-Dov said the remains were found south of the present city wall and opposite the Jewish Quarter's Batel Mahaseh. They indicated that the church had measured 60 by 80 metres.

Indictments filed in Haifa market 'protection' bid

HAIFA. — Two men were indicted in District Court here Friday for attempting to extract "protection" money and for carrying up with a broken bottle the face of a greengrocer in the Turkish Market who refused to comply with their demands.

Albert Roimio, 42, and Mordechai Bardugo, 20, allegedly demanded IL500 per month from Raphael Peretz because "he was making a good living." After Peretz repeatedly rejected their demands, the charge sheet says, the two returned on December 25 last year and threatened to "burn the store and do him in."

Later the same day, on his way to a cafe, Peretz met the two men, who started an argument and attacked him with a broken bottle. He ran to the cafe to call the police, but was allegedly intercepted by Bardugo, who asked him to step outside and then attacked him again with a bottle. The greengrocer pulled out a pistol — for which he has a licence — and fired into the side walk. His attackers then fled, the indictment says.

Also indicted on Friday in Dis-

trict Court was Yosef Gabal, 22, who was remanded into custody on December 26. Charges against him include tossing a hand grenade into a butcher shop in the Turkish Market, selling a hand grenade and maintaining a cache of Uzi sub-machine guns, hand grenades, smoke grenades and ammunition. (Item)

Penalties for strongarm crime may be increased

TEL AVIV. — The Government is thinking of increasing the maximum penalties for crimes of violence, extortion and protection racketeering, Justice Minister Haim Zadok said on Friday.

Zadok, who was being interviewed on the army radio station, added that priority was now being given to bringing such cases before the courts.

Orders had also been given to prosecutors to ask for heavier penalties under the existing laws, he said. And where the sentences passed seem too light, they will be appealed to higher courts.

Labour Party decides today how to elect convention delegates

By SHAYYA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Central Committee meets today to decide finally how the party will vote for delegates to the next national convention. The convention, which was due to take place last year, has been delayed because of differences of opinion among major pressure groups on what system of polling should replace the proportional representation which has been the rule so far.

The compromise recommended by the Leadership Bureau is that members vote in constituencies, but each voter could only elect half the number of candidates allotted to his district. This is meant to assure small factions that the majority won't be able to swamp them.

The Leadership Bureau also advised that members of the outgoing central committee (about 600) be "invited" to the national convention, which would decide whether they were to be given the vote.

The suggestion arose after a Tel Aviv District Court judge ruled that an earlier decision to reserve seats for members of the party's constitution violated the party's constitution. But significant opposition is expected to arise from several quarters. For instance, a group of Ahdut Avoda keymen, led by former Transport Minister Moshe Carmel, insists that the proportional representation be retained. They argue that, under any other

Censors wrong to ban 'Night Porter'

The High Court ruled last week that the Film Censorship Board's decision to ban the controversial film "The Night Porter" from local cinemas was unlawful. The court made absolute the order issued against the board two months ago at the request of the film's distributor in Israel.

The High Court severely criticized the board's handling of the affair and took issue with various general procedures of the film censorship body. Much public debate has revolved around the film since it was first shown here in October due to what some regarded as its offensive nature. The film deals with the erotic relationship after the war between a former S.S. officer and a woman who had been his sex slave in a concentration camp. (Item)

Trade with Norway favours Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli exports to Norway amounted to \$11.5m. and imports from Norway only came to \$6.5m., according to Zvi Kenan, head of the Israel-Norway Chamber of Commerce, which last week opened an office in Oslo.

The traditional export to Norway is citrus fruit, but in recent years, Norway has begun to buy minerals, chemicals and industrial products as well, he said. Similarly, although Israel bought mostly fish in the past, Norwegian exports of electronic equipment, aluminium, and industrial equipment are becoming important.

Mr. Kenan noted that exploitation of off-shore Norwegian oilfields is turning Norway into an international supplier of oil.

'Scientists should hand out less free advice, be more responsible'

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Friday chided the scientific community for its supercilious attitude towards the Government's problem of technological decision-making.

In a speech at the Engineers Club, Prof. Yitzhak Ya'acov said that Israeli technologists freely give out advice and criticism, but "they are unwilling to join the civil service and assume responsibility for technological decision-making." This has led to a situation where ministers are forced

to decide on matters they know nothing about, on the strength of sometimes-conflicting "expert" advice.

Prof. Ya'acov, who is also on the staff of Ben-Gurion University in Beer-sheva, took particular exception to "learned professors who make sweeping statements about matters they know nothing about." One of them, for instance, recently charged that the Government was "doing nothing to foster energy research," whereas in fact IL20m. had been sunk into solar energy projects alone. Ongoing energy research should enable us to save 25 per cent of our present oil consumption within five years, the speaker added.

He said Israel must make an effort to put more resources into industrial research and development, which must be expanded by at least one-third.

Prof. Ya'acov noted that, in 1975, Israeli firms (with Government assistance) had developed 500 original products, "long on sophistication and short on raw materials." These range from specialized small turbo-generators and mini-computers to large, complex electronic control systems.

As a result of budget cuts, it was likely that 400 to 600 scientists — mostly new immigrants, engaged mainly by the universities — would "become available" this year, Prof. Ya'acov said. Although he doubted that they would be dismissed, as the universities would not want to lose their talents, they would probably be put on "even more theoretical research, because it costs less." This was exactly the opposite of what the country needed. It was urgent that these abilities be harnessed in industrial research and development, he said.

Prof. Ya'acov also revealed that the practicability of exploiting the iron ore discovered in Galilee was now being actively studied, in view of the high commodity prices that might make the low-content ore profitable. The decision would be made within two years; and if it was positive, some of the Timna miners might find employment in Galilee.

Small Likud factions merge

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset's newest party, Le'om — *Tnu'a Mam-lachit* (People's State Movement), officially came into existence Thursday as the leaders of the State List, the Independent Centre and the Labour Land of Israel Movement signed a document confirming the merger. The ceremony took place at Beit Sokolow here.

The new, eight-member faction will remain in the Likud, of which it is now the third largest component. The decision to form the merger was taken a week ago after the ex-Labour Land of Israel splinter, whose single Knesset member is Nahum Reshevet, had been head of the Yoffe, was finally satisfied as to its future partners' stand on Sinai.

Fund slated for trampadas

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Gideon Patt MK has volunteered to head a public committee to raise IL5m. for building soldiers' trampadas.

In a motion for the agenda in the Knesset Monday, Patt said that soldiers waiting for lifts on the roads faced great accident hazards and suffered from the cold and the rain. The soldiers' trampadas, he said, were properly situated and properly equipped shelters where they can wait safely, he pointed out.

Patt also complained that after years of talk about free transportation for soldiers, nothing had been done. The motion was referred to committee.

Soviet Jew seeks U.S. aid in getting daughter, 16, out

NEW YORK. — Alexander Temkin, a Soviet Jew now living in Israel, has come to the U.S. to seek help in freeing his 16-year-old daughter from the Soviet Union. "It is the Soviet Union that kidnapped my daughter... and it is the Soviet Union that has to return my daughter to me," he declared Thursday.

Temkin, now a professor of physics at Tel Aviv University, believes that pressure from American Government officials and a public campaign by the American people can help bring his daughter, Marina, to Israel.

Temkin was assured that he will have help in his appeal to the Soviet Union to allow his daughter to live with him in Israel. He has already gained the support of major American Jewish organizations, Governor Hugh L. Carey and more than 100 city and state lawmakers. It was announced at a Manhattan news conference.

When he left the Soviet Union in October 1973, Temkin said, his daughter, then 14, shared his desire to emigrate to Israel; but authorities refused to issue the necessary papers and told him he must leave without her. He said Soviet police eventually took her to a camp on the Black Sea and later returned her to Moscow and forcibly registered her at a psychiatric clinic.

Soviet Jewish Research Bureau in U.S.: Enforced conscription used increasingly to deter aliya

NEW YORK. — Preliminary findings of the Soviet Jewish Research Bureau indicate that enforced conscription is increasingly being used by the Soviet authorities to deter Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. The bureau is sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"The mere threat of military conscription," said Jerry Goodman, NCSJ executive director, "seriously affects families who want to emigrate, for fear of reprisals against their sons of draft age. In a serious abuse of individual rights, the Red Army is being used for political purposes."

"Many young Jewish students have been expelled from the universities and, with their student exemptions no longer valid, they are subject to the draft. Such service can delay one's emigration up to seven years," Goodman pointed out.

Soviet authorities consider that two years of military service as an ordinary soldier expose these men to "secret information." Thus, a five-year "quarantine" period from the date of discharge may be required before an applicant may again reapply to emigrate.

According to the bureau, Jewish applicants for emigration to Israel presently threatened with enforced conscription include Semyon Pevner and Rafael Osipov (Moscow), Leonid Levit (Tiraspol), Leonid Grishin (Odessa), and applicants in Derbent and Kiev.

"It must be stressed that the people in question are not those who would ordinarily have gone into the army, even if they had not applied to emigrate. Now, students are deprived of their university studies and the sick are suddenly 'made healthy,' to qualify them for duty. Since it is apparent that army service is now a punitive act, their refusal to serve in the army should be seen as part of a struggle for the legal right to emigrate and against an undetermined period of detention in the Soviet Union," Goodman concluded. (JTA)

'Token' changes in emigration regulations cited

NEW YORK. — Russia has eased its emigration rules slightly, the "Los Angeles Times" reported from Moscow yesterday, citing Soviet sources who said exit visa fees have been reduced by 25 per cent and documentation required of applicants has been simplified.

The "Times" said two Jewish activists in Moscow, when asked about the report, confirmed Friday that recent applicants have been charged 100 rubles (IL4,000) less for their visas and that one applicant was told he no longer had to provide the "character references" which have created severe difficulties for would-be emigrants.

But, the report said, Jews have cautioned that the changes may have little real impact on Jewish emigration. The activists and a Western diplomat suggested the move was "tokenism" in regard to apparent compliance with the Helsinki declaration. The Soviet sources said the "additions to the rules" have been printed in a government gazette but that copies are not yet available to learn the exact language. (JTA)

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"Sans Famille" (France)
- Tue., Jan. 20 5.30 & 8.30 p.m. **ART FILM CLUB: The Italian Film Month** — Lectures by David Greenberg (in cooperation with the Italian Cultural Centre) "Rocco e i suoi fratelli" (Italy, 1960) by Luciano Visconti, with Alain Delon, Claudia Cardinale
- Wed., Jan. 21 8.00 p.m. **THE RENTONK ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES** (Hebrew, with slides) "Marcel Duchamp's Influence on Pop, Kinetic and Conceptual Art," Dr. Michael Levin
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EXHIBIT OF THE MONTH
Silver coin of Yehizkia the Satrap, 4th cen. B.C.E. At the Rockefeller: Portrait of a young lady of the time of Hadrian, Roman, 2nd cent. C.E.; decorated pottery kernos — a cult vessel, early Israelite period.

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Saudis want to buy 800 German troop carriers

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Saudi Arabia wants to buy 800 mechanized combat infantry vehicles from West Germany at a cost of \$600m. It was reported here on Friday, but the Bonn Government has not yet made a decision.

Government spokesman Klaus Boelling confirmed that the German arms manufacturer Rheinmetall in Kassel has made an informal "inquiry" about possible Government approval for the sale, but that no official request for an export permit has been submitted.

German press reports on Friday said the Saudis want to buy the Marder armoured infantry carrier, an 80-km-hour tracked vehicle similar to a tank but more lightly armed and transporting 10 men. Almost 2,000 Marders are currently in service with the West German Bundeswehr. They are designed for use in combination with heavy battle tanks in armoured warfare.

In past years, Bonn has refused to grant export permits for war weapons to "areas of tension" such as the Middle East, but some months ago the Government was reported considering revising the policy in view of heavy competition on world arms markets and high unemployment in West German industry.

A few days ago, a Government spokesman said there would be no change in the existing policy, but on Friday Boelling noted that Bonn decides each request for arms sales abroad on a "case to case" basis.

The Marder deal is expected to play an important role in talks on Wednesday when Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud bin Faisal comes to Bonn to confer with his German counterpart Hans Dietrich Genscher.

An indication of the pressure on the Government of Socialist Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to approve the Saudi deal came on Friday from Conservative Deputy Lothar Haase of Kassel who claimed that the region's economy would be severely hit if Bonn withholds an export permit. He claimed there was no reason to prevent the sale since Saudi Arabia was not directly involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In Geneva, it was announced that Saudi Arabia had joined the International Labour Organization, as its 127th member. Saudi announced it was willing to honour the constitution of the organization set up in 1919.

Algeria submits to EEC anti-boycott demand

BRUSSELS. — Algeria and the European Common Market yesterday concluded an economic agreement after being held up over the Community's demand that Algeria agree not to discriminate against EEC firms trading with Israel.

Sources said that accord was reached after all night talks when Algeria agreed to the inclusion of the standard EEC non-discrimination clause being written in to the accord.

The pact still must be ratified by the governing bodies of the two sides. The Common Market's executive commission will probably give its approval to the agreement, as well as to the agreement reached

earlier this month with Tunisia and Morocco, when it meets tomorrow. Algeria is the last of the Maghreb states to fix a trade agreement with the EEC. The agreement opens up the EEC market for set quantities of Algerian oil products, wine, olive oil and cork.

One EEC source said: "This is an important new agreement in view of the political characteristics of Algeria. We have been trying to reach agreement since 1972 because, unlike with Morocco and Tunisia, we have never had any kind of agreement with Algeria."

Under the agreement, Algeria will receive 114 million units of account (\$137m.) in EEC loans and grants. (Reuters)

'CIA ran a network of journalists'

WASHINGTON. — The "Washington Post" said on Friday the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency secretly created and still finances a network of journalists outside the U.S. that is available to carry out covert propaganda campaigns.

In a story by "Post" reporter Walter Pincus, former staff investigator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the paper said the network was formed 25 years ago and consisted of journalist agents, subsidized newspapers, radio stations and international wire and news services.

It quoted a former top CIA official as saying the purpose was "to disseminate data about the foreign world, particularly the Soviet Union, that is being suppressed... and do it in a way favourable to U.S. strategic interests."

The involvement of American journalists in covert CIA activities first broke last year during the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the CIA.

The network was utilized in a

covert CIA propaganda operation in 1970 against the regime of Salvador Allende, according to the story, which said that the operation was approved by the super-secret committee of top-level administration and intelligence officials.

Twelve days later, the story said, the Spanish government-owned wire service, EFE, ran a report in Latin America on an anti-Allende rally by a right-wing group called Patria y Libertad which was described in their story as a "growing movement."

"EFE, which transmits in Spanish, at the time received a CIA subsidy for its Latin American news operations, according to a former intelligence official," the "Post" said.

EFE yesterday declared the report was "absolutely false."

The story said this was only one of a number of similar covert propaganda operations conducted by the network. (UPI)

'Sanctions' to stop revelations

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania. — The chairman of the Senate intelligence committee said yesterday he will propose future "criminal sanctions" against former Central Intelligence Agency agents who reveal the names of agents now active overseas.

"The principal problem stems from employees who leave the

agency and then turn against and identify those with whom they have worked," said Sen. Frank Church, (D. Iowa).

But Church told a news conference such a law would have to be carefully drawn "so it could not be used as a shield to conceal unlawful activity or other wrongdoing by the agency." (UPI)

Unesco postpones Zionism debate as only 18 members show interest

NEW YORK. — Unesco has postponed an international conference scheduled to debate the motion that Zionism is a form of racism, after only 18 acceptances were received from the 136 member nations, the "New York Times" reported from Paris.

Unesco's Director-General, Amadou Mahtar Mbow, refused to name the 18 countries that had agreed to

participate, but it was understood that the U.S. and Israel said they would not. The nine members of the European Economic Community reportedly were ready to take part.

The conference was to have opened on January 26 at Unesco's Paris headquarters. A spokesman for Mbow said that the conference would be held some time before the next Unesco general conference in October. (JTA)

Britain favours 'Balfour declaration in reverse' for Palestinians

LONDON. — Britain and other members of the European Community are now agreed that there should be a "Palestinian solution," writes a diplomatic correspondent in Friday's "Jewish Chronicle."

The correspondent says the Europeans do not agree with Prime Minister Rabin's view that the problem could be solved by the establishment of a Jordanian-Palestinian state or by negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

Moreover, the correspondent writes, sources in Whitehall think that the Americans are approaching a very similar conclusion.

This view is born out by Friday's "Financial Times" lead story headlined "U.S. in Secret Contacts with PLO leaders." The item reports that an indirect and secret exploratory

dialogue over the role of the Palestinians in the Middle East has been taking place recently between U.S. officials and leaders of the PLO.

The paper says the immediate purpose of this clandestine diplomacy appears to be to draw the PLO in to direct discussions with the U.S. on the Palestinians' negotiating position.

Regarding the stand of the British government, the "Jewish Chronicle" reports that sources emphasize that this view does not mark a new departure in British policy but rather an inevitable evolution — a Balfour Declaration in reverse — regarding the Palestinians. It is felt that the Palestinians cannot be shelved with Jordan, especially after the Rabat summit.

Britain and the other West Eu-

ropean nations do not accept that the PLO has the sole right to formulate a Palestinian scheme. Britain, according to the correspondent, is thinking in the wider terms of Palestinians in general. It was also stressed that Britain does not want to appear to be pressing for any particular solution to the Palestine problem.

Britain is anxious to avoid making matters any more difficult for Israel. It is appreciated that if something is given to the Arabs, then Israel must receive something in return, the correspondent points out. He adds that Whitehall knows that any step which the Israelis would consider a sign of Israel's abandonment by its friends would be very harmful to the peace negotiations. (JTA)

AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL Rumania asks guarantees for all M.E. countries — and a Palestinian state

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council heard two more speakers in its Middle East debate on Friday and then adjourned until tomorrow morning when U.S. Ambassador Daniel Moynihan is scheduled to speak.

Rumanian Ambassador Ion Datoiu, in the most moderate speech heard from a Communist country in last week's debate, suggested that the Council lay down guidelines for negotiations between Israel and the Arabs at a resumed Geneva peace conference in which the Palestine Liberation Organization would take part.

Those guidelines, Datoiu said, should call for guarantees for all Middle East countries, including Israel, and a Palestinian state to be created.

Mauritanian Ambassador Moulou el Hassan followed the straight PLO line that any resolution of the Middle East question must include recognition of the "inalienable national rights" of the Palestinians and Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territory occupied since 1967.

Datoiu and Hassan brought to 20 the total of speakers heard in the five days of debate.

Both Israeli Ambassador Chaim

Herzog, who is boycotting the debate, and Farouk Kaddoumi, foreign adviser of the PLO, discussed the situation privately at length with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in separate appointments.

The UN disclosed that a threat that an Israeli "will be killed from a camera" was received by telephone shortly before Herzog held a news conference on Thursday. Security was redoubled for Herzog's appearance and nothing occurred.

The threat brought to 15 the bomb warnings received since the debate started last Monday. Three pipe bombs were discovered adjacent to the building and removed harmlessly last Monday.

In Washington, Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) said that if he had been the U.S. President, he would not have permitted U.S. officials to participate in a UN debate in which the PLO was taking part.

I would not have any government be a party to any such discussion or matter on the agenda, in light of the fact that the PLO is a terrorist organization, and I don't think we should honour that kind of precedent," Jackson said in an interview published on Friday in the "Buffalo Jewish Review." (UPI)

'Cairo lawyer plans new political party'

CAIRO. — A prominent lawyer is planning to announce the formation of a political party shortly, in defiance of a 23-year-old ban on non-government parties, the weekly magazine "Rose el Youssef" said in its edition scheduled to appear today.

It said the lawyer, Abdel-Aziz el-Shourbagi, a former president of the bar association, "will form the party on the basis that the present ban conflicts with the constitution."

The 1971 constitution, promulgated one year after President Anwar Sadat took office, guarantees individual and public freedoms and provides for the formation of societies "as defined by law." It makes no reference to political parties.

The only legal party in Egypt is the government's Arab Socialist Union, the latest in a series of single official organizations

created since Nasser's 1953 law banning political parties. This law remains in force today.

"Rose el Youssef" said Shourbagi will call his group the Democratic Party, and that he is prepared to defend himself in court if he is sued for violating the 1953 law.

Shourbagi could not be reached for comment.

A nationwide debate within the framework of the ASU last year produced a majority view opposing the formation of other political parties.

But Sadat, as part of an internal liberalization programme, has suggested the establishment of "forums" within the ASU to express dissent.

He plans to name a 100-member committee next week to consider guidelines and conditions governing such forums. (UPI)

Madrid strikers freed as services resume

MADRID. — Police yesterday released 76 persons who were among 120 suspects arrested in a raid on Thursday night and described as leaders of the wave of strikes and demonstrations challenging the government of King Juan Carlos.

Government sources predicted that the strikes, which last week idled 200,000 workers in Madrid alone, would begin to decline.

In Madrid yesterday thousands of construction workers went back to building sites, telephone service returned to normal and most banks functioned normally.

A police communiqué said 76 of the 120 suspected labour agitators arrested on Thursday at the Brotherhood of Catholic Action headquarters were released at 3 a.m. yesterday. It said the remaining 44 were being held for further investigation.

Police had accused the suspects, who were meeting in the offices of the church-sponsored labour organization, of planning to turn the current stoppages into a left-wing "political general strike."

Despite the return to work by some strikers, the number of striking or lock-out workers in the Madrid area remained about 100,000, according to official estimates.

At the downtown headquarters of the Banco de Santander, police broke up an assembly of 700 striking employees. Such illegal assemblies were also broken up at two other Madrid banks.

In the Mediterranean coast city of Valencia, club-swinging police on Friday broke up an attempted demonstration by 25,000 left-wingers and pre-reformists. (UPI)

Dalai Lama looks homeward

By PRAKASH CHANDRA

NEW DELHI. — As China observes the 10th anniversary of the autonomous region of Tibet, the self-exiled former god-king Dalai Lama has said that one day his people will return to Tibet "with honour." The Lama is living in Dharamsala, 400 miles from New Delhi, guarded round the clock by tight security ordered by the Indian government, 16 years after he fled to India as China took over his country.

Peking Radio gave an eyewitness account of how an "important" delegation from China arrived in Lhasa and was "warmly greeted" by the Tibetan people. But what the radio did not say was that the autonomous region of Tibet has virtually suppressed the Tibetan culture.

According to Dawa Norbu, a Tibetan writer, the Chinese have systematically brainwashed the simple peasants and shepherds of Tibet into a new society. In classes Tibetans were repeatedly told how they were treated as serfs by the Tibetan lords. Thousands have been taken to Chinese camps for brainwashing, and to Chinese universities. Many have intermarried with the Chinese. Tibetan monasteries

— several centuries old — have been turned into museums. Some have been demolished.

The Chinese have attempted to achieve industrialization in Tibet, building roads, opening schools and hospitals and in the process wiping out the Tibetan culture. In contrast, the Tibetan god-king apparently believes that the people are in revolt. He told a Calcutta newspaper that 6,000,000 people in Tibet are "engaged in armed resistance against the Chinese rule."

The Dalai Lama is happy that the Russian attitude to the Tibetan question has changed for the better. When the Tibetan question arose in the United Nations in 1959-60, the Russians opposed it. They termed the uprising in 1959 as a "reactionary counter-revolution."

But during the past three or four years, the Russians have been saying that the 1959 uprising was a "national liberation movement" of Tibetans, the Dalai Lama remarked. (WFS)

JERUSALEM DISTRICT COURT
Estate No. 34/76
In the matter of the estate of JACOB GEORGE GOLD, deceased in Jerusalem on August 27, 1975.
Petitioner: Bess (Baty) Gold of 4 Petitioner: Ben Tabei Jerusalem by Ben Tabei Jerusalem
Clerk: Ben Tabei Jerusalem
Advocate: Charles Kleinbaum of 4
An application for an Order of Probate for the will of the above-named deceased and appointment of the above-named petitioner as Administrator of the estate of the deceased has been filed with this court. I hereby cite all persons claiming any benefit in the above estate, who desire to oppose the granting of such Order, to submit their objections within 14 days from the date of publication of this citation. Filing which this Court will proceed to grant such Orders as it seems fit.
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A GLANCE AT THE WORLD

Death asked for Sudanese plotters

CAIRO. — The Sudanese prosecutor-general on Friday demanded death or life-in-prison sentences for 125 officers and soldiers charged with involvement in a recent abortive coup against President Nimeiry. Nimeiry, Cairo Radio reported.

Quoting reports from Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, the radio said the men had been on trial since last November, a month after the army-backed rebellion which Nimeiry crushed. The report did not say when the court's decision would be announced.

It was the second coup attempt against Nimeiry since he seized power in 1969. Leftist army officers tried to drive him from power in July 1971.

Peron picks Foreign Minister

BUENOS AIRES. — President Isabel Peron named a respected career diplomat to her new Cabinet on Friday in the midst of an apparent campaign to improve her image in time for presidential elections.

She installed Raul Quirino, 52, as Foreign Minister, calling him home from New York where he was recently appointed head of the UN International Administrative Affairs Committee.

A new Defence Minister remained to be named after she sacked four moderate ministers on Thursday in the 10th reorganization of her eight-man Cabinet in her 13 months as President. (AP)

Portuguese bomb-makers killed

LISBON. — A premature explosion yesterday killed two farmers suspected of being involved in a spreading bomb campaign against leftists and Communists in Portugal.

Police said the two men appeared to have been making a bomb when it exploded in a southeastern Alentejo farm house, demolishing the building. Another bomb wrecked a leftist rural workers club on the border between the Alentejo and the southern Algarve but caused no injuries.

The new bomb blasts came as the Communists gathered in a Lisbon soccer stadium for a major anti-government rally to protest against rising food prices and frozen wages.

The rally was part of a weekend burst of leftist demonstrations. Far left groups kicked off the protests on Friday night with a march to Prime Minister Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo's Sao Bento palace. The third big event was a so-called "peoples market" organized by the far left groups for Sunday in downtown Lisbon. (UPI)

Smallpox stocks being destroyed

GENEVA. — Medical laboratories throughout the world are beginning to destroy their stocks of virus of smallpox to prevent accidental revival of the disease nearly eradicated from the earth, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

It said no more than 20 research laboratories will keep the virus in storage, and only some of these will conduct scientific experiments. Thirty governments already have responded to an initiative by the health organization for an international register of laboratories holding the virus, and several have reported liquidating their stocks, the organization said. (AP)

Top U.S. construction firm sued for accepting Arab League blacklist

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Justice Department on Friday charged the Bechtel Corp. of San Francisco, one of America's largest heavy construction firms, with conspiring to exclude U.S. subcontractors blacklisted by Arab League countries from major Arab construction projects.

The civil suit filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco also named four Bechtel subsidiaries or affiliates as defendants.

The suit said the "Bechtel group," considered to be one of the world's largest prime contractors, has had major con-

struction contracts in Arab League countries for the past 30 years.

The Bechtel Group was charged with refusing to deal with blacklisted U.S. subcontractors as major projects in the Arab countries and requiring its subcontractors to follow the same policy when they serve as prime contractors in the Arab countries.

The Justice Department asked the court to declare this action to be a violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act and to enjoin future violations. (UPI)

'JFK made me pregnant' 'Frisco socialite claims

SAN FRANCISCO. — San Francisco socialite Joan Hitchcock claims John F. Kennedy made her pregnant before he became President and that she then had an abortion.

Mrs. Hitchcock, 43, also confirmed a published report that Kennedy mailed her \$400 when she became pregnant. However, she told him the money apparently had got lost, and he sent another \$400 by messenger.

During an interview on Friday, Mrs. Hitchcock said that Kennedy used "strong language" when she told him the \$400 he had mailed had apparently been lost.

Mrs. Hitchcock's alleged relationship with the late President came to light in a story published in the "Star," a weekly national newspaper. Mrs. Hitchcock provided the information eight months ago, but the newspaper did not publish the story until last week.

In the interview, Mrs. Hitchcock said she was penniless when she met Kennedy when he was in a Santa Monica, California, bar with his sister, Patricia, and her former husband, actor Peter Lawford.

Mrs. Hitchcock, who has been married four times, said Kennedy ended their relationship when she was nominated for President in 1960.

Germany approves anti-terrorist law

BONN. — The West German Parliament on Friday unanimously approved an anti-terrorist law setting fines and prison terms up to three years for written or publicly spoken support of serious crimes.

Other provisions set maximum three-year terms for bomb hoaxes and persons who publish instructions for committing grave offenses — such as pamphlets showing how to make bombs or stage terrorist attacks. (AP)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

J. Voet analyses the recent erratic behaviour of securities

THE RECENT erratic behaviour of the bond market affords ample proof that much liquid money (perhaps even "black" money) has been invested in linked debentures.

After an announcement that the government will gradually reduce the amount of government securities, and not illogically, a rise of up to ten per cent by the old, suddenly more attractive issues.

Nothing of the sort happened. After a feeble rise of practically linked debentures, especially the long-term issues, the bonds started dropping, some severely, despite the intervention of the Bank of Israel. The Bank felt called upon to create a market in government bonds and acted as a "buyer of last resort," stemming the downward trend.

At first, short-term issues rose in price, although they only benefited from a limited time of high prices. The same time prices of long-term issues, which retain the preferential conditions for up to ten years, fell in price. This behaviour stopped,

Investment prospects on the bonds market

suddenly, however. Early this year the prices of nearly all linked bond issues moved downwards. This fall took more than a week and then the drop started bottoming out.

The Bank of Israel should be praised for intervening in the bond market. Jobbers whose duty it is to create a regular market do not exist in our country. Banks usually assume the task of jobbers buying and selling against a trend which they consider to be exaggerated.

In this way they create a wider and more regular market for the securities in question and usually, although not always, they make money in the process.

Quite naturally the Bank of Israel stepped in and undertook to make

a more regular market in government bonds. Commentators who accused the Bank of throwing good government money to speculators would do well to wait with their judgment till the end of this year. Only then it can be ascertained whether the Bank of Israel has made or lost money through intervention.

Businesswise too, the activity of the Bank has been favourable. Old bonds are being quoted at attractive levels. The terms of the new bonds, especially when linkage will be scaled down from 90 per cent to 80 per cent and later on to 70 per cent, are decidedly less favourable. With inflation still unabated, and a new Value Added Tax, a

Too many deputy chairmen on council

THE HIGH COURT OF Justice made absolute part of an order nisi calling upon the respondents to show cause why they should not appoint a third member to the Inspection Committee of the Or Yehuda Local Council.

The Or Yehuda Local Council has 11 members, nine of whom are in the coalition and two in the opposition. One of the nine coalition members was elected chairman of the local council and he in turn appointed the other eight as his deputies.

Under rule 123 of the Local Councils Order (A), 1951, every local council must choose an inspection committee consisting of no less than three members, none of whom is either the chairman of the council or one of his deputies. As there were only two members of the Or Yehuda Local Council who were eligible for the inspection committee, the Council decided, after the eventual intervention of the District Representative, to transfer the second respondent from his office of Deputy Chairman to the inspection committee. The second respondent objected to this and promptly resigned from the inspection committee.

The petitioner, who is one of the two members of the opposition, thereupon petitioned the High Court, asking that the High Court declare the second respondent to be a member of the committee despite the fact that he was chosen against his will and does not participate in its activities. He was granted an order nisi.

On the return day the petitioner

IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Before Justices Berenson, Cohn and Mami.
Yitzhak Buchvase, Petitioner, v. I. Or Yehuda Local Council 2. Yechazkiel Kazaz, Respondents (H.C.382/75).

LAW REPORT
The Jerusalem Post
Edited by Doris Lankin.

appeared on his own behalf and Mr. E. Miron appeared for the respondents.

DECISION
Justice Berenson, who delivered the first opinion of the High Court, said that it was indeed most strange that in so relatively small a place as Or Yehuda there should be no less than seven (previously eight) deputy chairmen. The result was, he noted, that as long as one of the deputies was not prepared to resign the Council was unable to fulfil its statutory duty to appoint a third member to the inspection committee. This was an anomalous state of affairs which was only to be regretted, but without any change of the law limiting the number of deputy chairmen who may be appointed to a local council, he could see no way of redressing it, held Justice Berenson. As the position stands today, he continued, he could see no way of ordering the respondents to decrease the number of deputy chairmen by "dethroning" a deputy chairman who had been legally elected. In short, held Justice Berenson, the High Court has no power to decide who should be elected to serve as a deputy chairman of a local council and who should be dismissed or asked to resign.

Furthermore, there was no telling if anyone whom the Local Council itself decided to transfer from a deputy chairmanship to membership of the inspection committee would indeed agree to serve in the latter capacity or would resign as the second respondent had done.

The position is, therefore, con-

cluded Justice Berenson, that in the existing legal and practical situation it is impossible to fulfill the provisions of the law and he could only recommend that in order to obviate any similar predicaments in the future, the Local Councils Order be amended so as to restrict the number of deputy chairmen who may be appointed to a local council.

However, even in the existing situation, as there were still two members left in the inspection committee in the present case, and they constituted a majority, the committee was entitled to continue carrying out its functions (see H.C. 205/60, P.D. 14/2020).

JUSTICE COHN
Justice Cohn, with whom Justice Mami concurred, held that for the reasons he had set out in great length in H.C. 205/60 he was of the opinion that the second respondent could not, by resigning, halt all the proceedings of an inspection committee which had been legally constituted. He thought therefore, that the petitioner was entitled to the alternative remedy which he had sought: that is, a declaratory judgment to the effect that the inspection committee which had been elected by the Or Yehuda Local Council was qualified to continue functioning whether the second respondent participated in its proceedings or not, and was entitled to act by majority decision of its members.

Order nisi made absolute in the sense that the inspection committee was declared competent to function in its present composition.

Decision given on December 15.

Trade deficit has dropped

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
Israel's balance-of-trade deficit in the first 11 months of 1975 was \$72m., nine per cent lower than the same period in the previous year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported last week.

Imports during that period were 9 per cent lower than in 1974, totalling \$3,706m., despite an eight per cent rise in the prices of imports. On the other hand, exports increased by six per cent, while port goods' prices only rose by 1.7 per cent. The January-through-November exports in 1975 were \$3,441m., compared to \$3,542m. in the first 11 months of 1974.

The trend during the year's last quarter appeared even more positive — the deficit in October and November averaged \$167m., a sixth compared to \$195m. a month in the third quarter, and \$209m. a month from January to June. Exports averaged \$161m. a month from September to October; \$137m. a month from May to August and \$13m. a month from January to April.



British Airways' uniform for Concorde cabin crew was shown in London last week. Designed by Hardy Amies, the dacron polyester uniforms are in pale blue and navy blue.

Only five cargoes through Canal

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Only five freighters with well cargoes have passed through the Suez Canal since passage was permitted by the Egyptians three months ago.

The Israel Shippers Council, who reported this Thursday, said the traffic was even less than the modest volume they had expected to go through the Canal after the partial settlement with Egypt. When this part of the agreement went into effect the Council estimated that it would be economically worthwhile to route about a third of the cargoes now going to Israel's Mediterranean ports through the Canal.

Meanwhile, the American President Line shipping company has yet to begin the Far East East cargo service it had planned to begin via the Canal last month. The company estimated that the delay in technical considerations, as ships had sufficient cargoes, plus extra ports of call unnecessary for the time being.

First scheduled Concorde flight on Wednesday

LONDON. — British Airways took delivery of its first Concorde supersonic jetliner last week.

The \$60m., 2,000 kilometre-an-hour plane, the sixth production line model, was flown from the British Aircraft Corporation's flight test centre at Fairford to London's Heathrow Airport for the delivery ceremony.

Concorde has been developed jointly by the British Aircraft Corporation and the French firm Aerospatiale. The project has cost a total of \$2,400m. over 14 years. Air France took delivery from Aerospatiale of its first Concorde, the fifth production line model on December 19.

Concorde is to start the world's first scheduled supersonic service on Wednesday when the British Airways Concorde will set off for Bahrain and the Air France version will leave for Rio de Janeiro.

Doubt still remains over whether the plane will be allowed to use U.S. airports. Environmentalists criticize it for creating pollution and excessive noise, and a final U.S. Government ruling is awaited.

WALL STREET WEEK

New trading records

NEW YORK. — The new year's rally in the stock market continued at full force last week, demolishing daily and weekly trading volume records in the process.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 18.50 to 929.33 to stretch its gain since the start of 1976 to 77.23 points. Advancing issues overpowered declines 1,479 to 412 among the 2,066 traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Big board volume soared to 159.69 million shares, far outdistancing the previous record of 145.68 million set in the last week of January 1975. The previous daily record of 35.16 million, established last February 13, was surpassed on Thursday, when 38.45 million shares changed hands.

The market itself, with its dramatic rise of late, accounted partly for the surge in activity by the excitement it had stirred up. The convergence of buyers rushing to catch up with the rally and sellers seeking to nail down some profits naturally tended to make it a turbulent market. But many observers argued that separate and seasonal influences also contributed to the heavy volume.

One issue raised frequently was the effect of trading in options rights to buy stock at a specified price within a given time — which was begun a little less than three years ago at the Chicago Board Options Exchange and has since spread

'Russians think that the Shah is getting too big for his boots' Soviet eyes turn towards the Gulf

By DEV MURKARA
MOSCOW. — The Kremlin is engaged in an unusual amount of diplomatic activity in the Persian Gulf and the Eastern Mediterranean.

In the past few weeks President Nikolai Podgorniy has been to Afghanistan to renew a friendship treaty with a country that plays a vital strategic role. Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin visited Turkey and came back with the surprising announcement that Turkey and the Soviet Union are to sign, perhaps in the near future, a friendship and cooperation treaty. Also significant was the visit to Moscow a little earlier by the Foreign Minister of Kuwait.

The significant improvement of relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union is much more relevant to Greece, Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean, but it should not be overlooked that Turkey has been one of the staunchest friends of the Shah of Iran in recent decades. This points to certain misapprehensions about the Shah in the Soviet perspective and it signals a concerted drive to put some constraints on Iran.

Frankly, the Russians think that the Shah is getting too big for his boots and that he more or less acts as a broker for, if not as propagator of, Western primarily American, interests in the region. Moscow is becoming more and more determined to see that the Persian Gulf region does not pass under the hegemony of Iran and the West. Hence these moves on all sides to persuade the Shah to moderate his ambitions and modify his political role.

At the moment, the Shah appears to be moving in the opposite direction. His endorsement of the Palestinian cause during a visit to Tehran by President Assad of Syria are taken here as a sign that, by extending his influence in the Arab countries, an aim at present supported by Saudi Arabia, the Shah is trying to make things easy for Washington, particularly in moderating the hitherto militant and successful Syrian approach. Whether he will succeed, or not, worries the Russians but, on balance, they appear to think that his efforts will fall though this may not become apparent for some time.

Moscow is happy, if not jubilant, about Kosygin's Turkish visit, for other reasons apart from putting a

U.S. Jews 'reassess' Mexican boycott

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — American Jewish leaders announced last week that they were "reassessing" their attitude regarding tourism to Mexico.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said it has appointed a special committee "to make appropriate recommendations in the near future" regarding the proper attitude of American Jewish organizations toward Mexico.

In a statement, the conference said that there have been "an encouraging series of actions recently taken by the Government of Mexico in relationship to the Jewish people."

Informed sources said that the leaders were referring to Mexico's decision not to vote during two recent Israel-related issues, one at a Unesco meeting in Paris and another at the International Civil Aviation Organization meeting in Montreal. Earlier Mexico had supported the anti-Zionist resolution in the UN General Assembly equating Zionism with racism, thus resulting in thousands of cancelled tours to Mexico by American Jews.

The sources said that the Jewish

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M. BENVENISTI
Deputy Chairman of Local Commission

THIS WEEK at the TEL-AVIV MUSEUM

EXHIBITION
THE TEL AVIV MUSEUM, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamelech
★ Austria presents Hundertwasser to the Continentals.
★ Gallery talks at the exhibition on Sat. Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. by Mrs. Dorit Yifat, Tel Aviv Museum.
★ Oded Feingensh — Drawings 1974-1975, until January 27, 1976.
★ Opening of the exhibition: "Grieshaber-Woodcuts" — postponed until Tuesday, January 27, 1976.
HELENA RUBINSTEIN PAVILION
★ Yosi Berger — Paintings 1955-1975.
★ Gallery talk at the Yosi Berger exhibition on Tuesday, January 20, 1976, by Mrs. Irit Borstein, Tel Aviv Museum.

LECTURES
Monday, January 19, at 8.30 p.m. Subscription Series No. 2, "From Symbolism to Protest on the Eve of World War I." Lecture No. 2: Films — Expressionism, Introduction by Dr. Adina Meyer, T.A. University.

CONCERTS
Tuesday, January 20, at 8.30 p.m. NEW IMMIGRANT ARTISTS. A series organized in cooperation with the Jewish Agency (Immigration and Absorption Section), the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. IRENA EDLSTEIN — piano. Works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy.
Thursday, January 22, at 8.30 p.m. The Israel Broadcasting Authority presents: NEW DIMENSIONS IN MUSIC with: Joan Frank-Williams — conductor, Adi Etzion — soprano, Sara Furon-Heyman — piano, Pamela Jones and Jeff Kovalsky — percussion, Rafael Marcus — violin, Zeev Steinberg — viola, Yacov Menze — cello and Yossi Atsmon — live art projections. Works by L. Berio, Z. Avni, E. Shrock.
Saturday, January 24, at 8.30 p.m. NEW IMMIGRANT ARTISTS. A series organized in cooperation with the Jewish Agency (Immigration and Absorption Section), the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. ESTER YELIN — piano. In the programme: Scarlatti — 2 Sonatas, Schubert — Sonata in E Major, Schumann — Wiedmung and Fantasie, Op. 17.
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TIES WITH SPAIN

THE ABSENCE of diplomatic relations between Israel and Spain has long been an anomaly. Friday's disclosure by the Spanish Foreign Minister that his country intends to establish such relations in the not too distant future will therefore be welcomed, certainly in Israel, and probably not in Israel alone.

Spain has been pressing for normalization of her standing in Europe, and it may not be very long before she becomes a member not only of Nato but of the European Economic Community. It is known that certain European countries, notably those with socialist governments, still have some doubts about the sincerity or effectiveness of Spain's moves towards genuine democratization. By and large, however, it is recognized that Spain is advancing in this direction faster than many observers had expected, and that she deserves to reap the credit for what has already been achieved.

Few steps could more plainly mark Spain's break with the recent past than the establishment of full diplomatic relations with Israel, especially as there are still influential "integratist" elements in the Spanish Government which might have been expected to view such a move with misgivings. Yet even in the closing weeks of the previous regime it was noted, and appreciated in Israel, that Spain had been careful to take no part in the UN General Assembly's vote which stigmatized Zionism as racism.

Spain's Foreign Minister made a point of stressing that his country continued to support the Palestinians' claim to "a country of their own." This doubtless represents his Government's position, but it may be seen at the same time as a way of reassuring the Arab states with which Spain has long maintained close and friendly relations.

Diplomatic relations with Israel have never been an obstacle to any country's cooperation with its Arab friends, and Spain's establishment of relations with Israel, which certainly is not a move against the Arab states, will bring her into a position similar to other European countries who successfully cultivate their ties with Arab states.

There can be no doubt that Israel will respond favourably to the Spanish move. Spain is the only country in Western Europe, as Foreign Minister de Arellano himself was at pains to point out, with which Israel has never had formal relations of any kind. There is wide scope for the development of economic and cultural ties and there is no doubt that Spain's standing as a Mediterranean power will be enhanced, as will her position in Europe.

The centuries of coexistence between the Spanish and Jewish peoples came to an end, as bitter as it was abrupt, in 1492. Yet memories of an earlier golden age still linger strongly on both sides, and the ready aid which Spain gave to Jewish refugees fleeing from Nazi persecution has not been forgotten. It should become possible now to build on the ruins and the vacuum of the past.



Airborne troops — part of any Soviet invasion force.

THE POSSIBILITY of large-scale war between the two communist giants — the Soviet Union and its rival China — has been mooted so many times during the past decade that a fresh prediction of an imminent Sino-Soviet confrontation is apt to be dismissed out of hand. That, however, would be a mistake. There are some strong indications today that the Kremlin may be actively preparing to settle the conflict with the one-time ally in Peking by force of arms.

One such indication is contained in what has been described as a secret Soviet "newsletter" obtained by a Russian émigré organization in Europe. The newsletter is identifiable as an information bulletin sent out once or twice a year by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to all party members in the land. Its usual purpose is to pass on to party members important policy directives which the regime does not wish to circulate freely under its imprimatur.

The latest bulletin, dated October 1975, is concerned exclusively with the state of Sino-Soviet relations, and it is the most strongly worded attack aimed at the Chinese since the breakup of the alliance. While there can be no absolute guarantee that the document is completely genuine, it does have an unmistakable ring of authenticity.

What does the information bulletin tell the Soviet readers? For one thing, it tells them that no improvement in China's attitude towards the Soviet Union should be expected from changes in the composition of the leadership in Peking. The demise of Mao Tse-tung, or of any other Chinese bigwig — the reference may have been to Chou En-lai — would not make the slightest difference, as far as the Soviets are concerned. Nor should any hopes be pinned on the Chinese masses, most of whom are solidly arrayed behind their "nationalist" rulers.

The Russian war threat to China

Mikhail Agursky writes of a second Soviet 'newsletter' which suggests that the Kremlin considers an armed clash with China as practically inevitable, even if Mao goes.

The bulletin also lashes out against all China sympathisers among communist parties abroad. The test of communist loyalty, readers are told, is uncompromising hostility to "Maoism." There is no room for Maoists in the ranks of the world communist movement, and they should all be thrown out — an injunction that might, if the need arises, be applied even to the Rumanians. Finally, the bulletin offers what is supposed to be proof of unmitigated Chinese hostility: the fact that huge numbers of Chinese troops, armed with nuclear and rocket weapons, are stationed along the border with the Soviet Union.

The moral is clear enough. A clash of arms with the Chinese is practically inevitable, and when it comes it will be the fault of the Chinese.

PROPAGANDA claims apart, it is undeniable that there are many points of natural friction between the two great communist powers. On one side of their common frontier there is the Soviet Union, the world's biggest land mass, with many territories which were snatched barely a century ago from China and which, though still very sparsely populated, are enormously rich in

natural resources. On the other side of the border there is China, the loser in the past century's Siberian land grab, now the country with the largest population in the world but with still inadequate resources to assure decent living and future growth. This kind of neighbourly disparity would make for conflict no matter what regime were in power in either country.

But the animosity bred by geopolitical factors is further aggravated by the totalitarian systems prevailing in both Soviet Russia and China. Totalitarianism in all its forms cries out for expansion, which can only be checked by external force. But Chinese totalitarianism, because it is relatively undeveloped, poses a far smaller threat to peace and stability than the Russian. The steady stream of "revolutionary" propaganda coming out of Peking need not blind us to the fact that Chinese foreign and military policy has been extremely cautious for a long time now. The notion that People's China might sometime soon initiate aggressive war against the Soviet Union is simply absurd. Although they have an edge in manpower, the Chinese cannot begin to match the Soviets in

nuclear weaponry, and even their conventional armature is far inferior.

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, may have several good reasons to contemplate launching war on China. Soviet external policy in general has been marked by increasing aggressiveness, and the host of seemingly insoluble domestic problems which assails the regime also tends to reinforce the drive for outward expansion. Assuming that an eventual confrontation with the Chinese giant is inescapable, the Kremlin must feel that it is better to meet that challenge now rather than later, when it has grown to unmanageable proportions. As for the West, or rather the United States, Moscow views it as but a "paper tiger" which will not back China up by military force to thwart a Soviet attack.

THE MAIN argument against a Russian launched war is that it could not take place without a prior clear-cut decision at the highest party level. This, it is argued, is next to impossible in the present oligarchical structure of Soviet leadership, where no man, not even the Secretary General, wields absolute power, and especially at this time of transition for the leadership. But the necessary decision on China may well be reached by way of party consensus. The October information bulletin certainly points in that direction.

The Chinese themselves appear to be very much alive to the Soviet threat, and they are working hard to gain time, which is generally conceded to be on their side. This, rather than any implicit rapprochement with Moscow, is probably the reason behind Peking's recent release of Soviet pilots who were kept for a year in jail after their helicopter had been brought down over Chinese territory.

(Dr. Agursky, a leading allyah activist in the Soviet Union, now teaches at the Hebrew University.)

Students against Gaddafi

by ROOM LEWALD

BONN. — Non-violent student occupations of Libyan embassy in Bonn, Washington, London, Rome and Cairo reflect growing opposition in the small Libyan intellectual establishment to authoritarian rule.

"Mu'ammarr Gaddafi. One apparently well-informed Paris-based teacher, told me he had received reliable information backing up officially denied student claims that Gaddafi's para-military police brutally suppressed a rash of anti-government demonstrations in three Libyan towns this month.

In Benghazi, he claimed, police killed two demonstrators on January 4, when they fired on hundreds of students staging a silent demonstration up an officially denied student claim that Gaddafi's para-military police had barricaded access roads to the city campus and beaten up students after government attempts to re-establish union elections failed.

Bystanders joined in on the side of the students after the shooting and a pitched street battle erupted, with stones and fire bombs hurled at the police and more than 40 persons injured on both sides.

The deaths sparked other demonstrations in the capital, Tripoli, and at Zarwa, about 25 miles west. Students also paraded through Benghazi last week bearing nine coffins symbolizing the two January 4 victims as well as the students killed on January 13 and 14. It seems that police methods have changed in a very little since the time of King Idris, who was toppled by Gaddafi in September 1969.

Money on arms

The student demonstration marked the disappointment of a growing number of Libyans, mainly lawyers, doctors, engineers, academics and other members of the small intelligentsia, with Gaddafi's authoritarian regime. Liberal democratic opposition to the Gaddafi regime is manifested more in the thinking of these people than in any organized movement.

There is little opposition in principle to the radical foreign policy stance and missionary zeal in support of Palestinian and "other revolutionary" causes that has brought Gaddafi criticism even from moderate Arab brothers like Egyptians. But there is a feeling among some people that too much money should be spent on arms. The money should rather be invested in developing agriculture, health services and above all in water supplies, it is argued.

In a country like Libya, one drop of water is worth more than a barrel of oil, which is a commodity that is not lost for ever.

"All the oil wealth is not being used properly. There is no construction, no budget, no economic planning," one critic of the regime says.

The unrest and student deaths in Benghazi were played down by Mohammed el-Urri, the acting ambassador chief at the student-occupied embassy in Bonn. "It's not serious. It's all solved."

In Washington, where a 24-hour Libyan embassy occupation by students ended Wednesday, an embassy spokesman said: "There was a protest. But no killing. No people's jail."

Students occupied the London embassy for two days last week in their colleagues in Cairo staged similar protest.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

Marking time at Timna

HA'ARETZ (independent) complains that although two weeks have passed since the decision by the ministerial committee on economic affairs to suspend operations at Timna, work is going on as usual. "Continued operation will merely mean continued losses. It is obvious that no alternate jobs will be found for many of the workers, no matter how long the closing is postponed. Moreover, at least some of the workers are happy with the prospect of being dismissed because they expect to get enlarged job-loss compensation pay." The paper warns these workers that they cannot rightly expect both enlarged compensation and alternate jobs.

DAVAH (Hizladrut) says that the Middle East question will be raised in Dr. Kissinger's talks in Moscow this week, and on his return he will demand new proposals from Israel to prevent a standstill. "Despite the recent rapprochement between Jordan and Syria, one cannot exclude the possibility of renewed efforts by Washington to achieve an Israeli-Jordanian settlement which will also encompass the Palestinian problem. In Washington's view any diplomatic momentum is preferable to the current deadlock."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) blames the Manufacturers' Association for the present deadlock in negotiations on a new labour contract. "Despite all their fine talk about giving priority to workers in industry, they balk at granting them any real increase in wages. How then can workers be expected to shift from services to industry?"

The paper also criticizes the Finance Minister for saying that the Hizladrut's wage demands will result in unemployment. "This is in direct opposition to the vital national need of improving the lot of the industrial worker."

READERS' LETTERS

ZIONISM AND POLITICS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Mr. Yosef Almog has won the post of Chairman of the Jewish Agency by virtue of his strong political past. If he truly thinks that the Jewish Agency is very interested in the political party aspect of life in Israel, then he is under a misconception. I would say that one of the worst traumas of a "Zionist" coming on allya is caused by the fact that, at every turn here, he is faced with political party conflict. To the immigrating "Zionist," the State of Israel per se is the driving force, not every facet of everyday life.

Mr. Almog is confident of his powers as an especially efficient executive who can generate new ideas with renewed force. During his term of office as Mayor of Haifa, he has obviously taken no pains to practice these qualities, rather he has shown that his word is not to be taken seriously since he thinks nothing of quitting his job in mid-term.

When the fit head of the Moadon Ha'Oleh on Mount Carmel depended upon the Municipality taking it over and Mr. Almog had an outstanding opportunity to show his attitude towards the problems of social absorption and integration, he failed abysmally.

ESTHER EFFRATT
Haifa, January 4.

HATRED ONLY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — What is the use of all this talk about trying to soften the PLO? There isn't a leader within the ranks of the PLO with whom to talk. There are many different groups and each group has its own agenda. Therefore, Yasser Arafat has no authority to speak on behalf of the Palestinians.

Should one of the so-called moderates try to meet with Israel, I am sure his life would be ended by one of the extremists of another gang. They have no plan. All they have is hatred of Israel and the wish to see its destruction.

YACOV COHEN
Kfar Mordecai, January 13.

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ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE U.S.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On December 19, you carried an article by Judy Siegel quoting Gregory Peck as stating that anti-Semitism doesn't exist in the U.S. any longer. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As vice-president of the Jewish Rights Council, a national organization of Jewish laymen and rabbis dedicated to the equal rights of Jews and the preservation of Jewish communities in the United States, I can tell you that anti-Semitism is still widespread in the U.S. despite the many laws which have been passed to protect the individual's rights.

For example, in New York City where 25 per cent of the population is Jewish, there are still buildings where a Jew cannot buy an apartment. There are many businesses in America today where Jews cannot get jobs and they are turned away on the excuse that they must hire blacks or Spanish-named individuals for the jobs. The same holds for entrance to medical schools, dental schools and professional schools.

In the South, the Ku Klux Klan still publicly speaks its hatred of Jews. Only two weeks ago, an officer of the Ku Klux Klan was on nationwide television saying this publicly and falsely accusing Jews of controlling banks, newspapers and politicians, thus controlling U.S. policy favouring Israel.

Anti-Semitism among blacks is widespread. Only two years ago, I participated in a programme shown here on Mabat about how prevalent anti-Semitism was among blacks. Black college students were interviewed and stated how they hated Jews. While white anti-Semitism in the U.S. is found for the most part in the less educated classes, black anti-Semitism is found even in the most educated classes, and this is particularly dangerous. Black Muslims speak of the Jew as their "devil" who must be eradicated before they can be "free."

Now, with Arab money and Arab propaganda pouring into the U.S., with Arabs buying U.S. corporations, we are seeing new forms of anti-Semitism disguised as anti-Zionism. Witness the listing by the

U.S. Commerce Department of Jewish-owned businesses or those employing Jews on high levels, to whom they would not submit business offers from Arab countries at the request of these Arab countries and in violation of U.S. laws.

A whole new wave of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism is sweeping the socialist, communist and "third world orientated" youth groups on and off the college campuses. American Jewish organizations have their hands full, trying to combat this propaganda and the new wave of anti-Jewish hatred before it influences political figures in Congress.

As Mr. Peck is not a Jew and is not affected by these influences, he cannot be expected to be an expert on matters simply because he made a movie on the subject 25 years ago. Your headline giving the impression of a Jewish "paradise" in the U.S. is a harmful and dangerous soporific to the people of Israel.

ALVIN M. LISCHINSKY, M.D.
Tel Aviv, December 22.

AN INJUSTICE TO ELEANOR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Abraham Hyman's review of the Diaries of Felix Frankfurter by Joseph Lash (January 2) contains a throwaway line referring to an anti-Semitic remark about Frankfurter by Eleanor Roosevelt. Which may leave many readers with the wrong impression about that great lady. Lash makes mention of the same remark in his "Eleanor and Franklin" but puts it in context by explaining how Mrs. Roosevelt slowly emerged from her prejudiced "Wasp" background to take a lead in doing away with all racial discrimination. She worked with the Jewish poor in Hell's Kitchen and learned about socialism from Jewish unionists who became her close friends, as did the Morgenthau and Bernard Baruch. It was Eleanor who took up the cause of the people she once referred to as "dankies," making speeches for the fledgling NAACP and fighting for equality.

MEIR AVITAL
Jerusalem, January 7.

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